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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of July 14, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 16-18, 20-22, 24, 27 and 30 as indicated below.